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FB-Leroy Hoard caught two touchdowns at the San Diego Chargers (10/20) contest last week. Hoard scored on a six-yard pass from Kosar near the end of the third quarter and on a 15-yard pass toward the end of the fourth quarter, tying the game. The Browns won the overtime contest, 30-24.



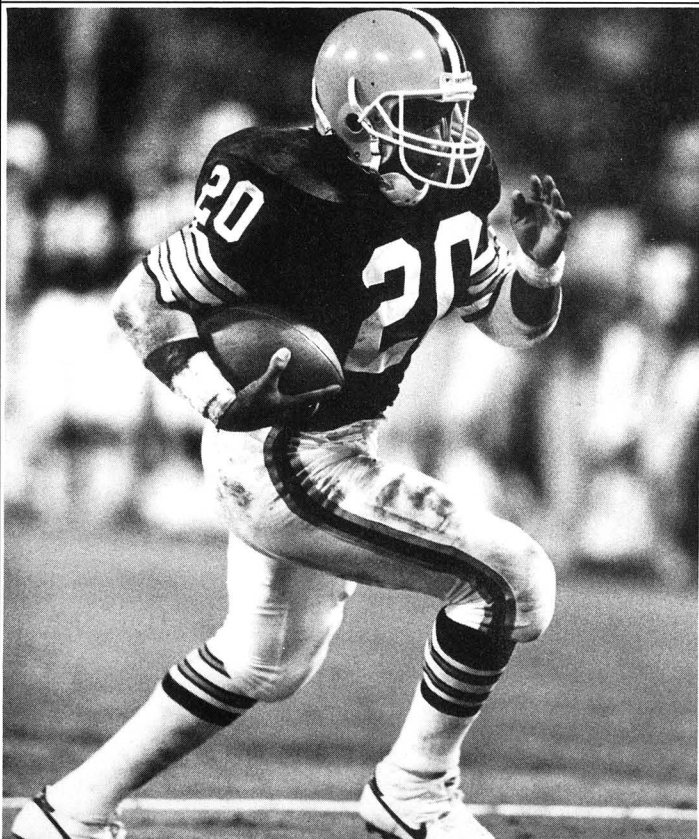
LB-David Brandon (58), acquired on Plan B (San Diego) clinched the overtime victory last week vs. the Chargers when he returned an interception for 30 yards. Brandon has 13 tackles, one pass defense and the interception in 1991. A special teamer, he currently has six special teams' tackles.

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K-Matt Stover's 30-yard field goal and four PATs helped secure the win over the Chargers last week. Stover's holder is P-Brian Hansen (11).



RB-Joe Morris punched out a one-yard run at the goal line for six points early in the fourth quarter at San Diego. Stover's conversion attempt was good.

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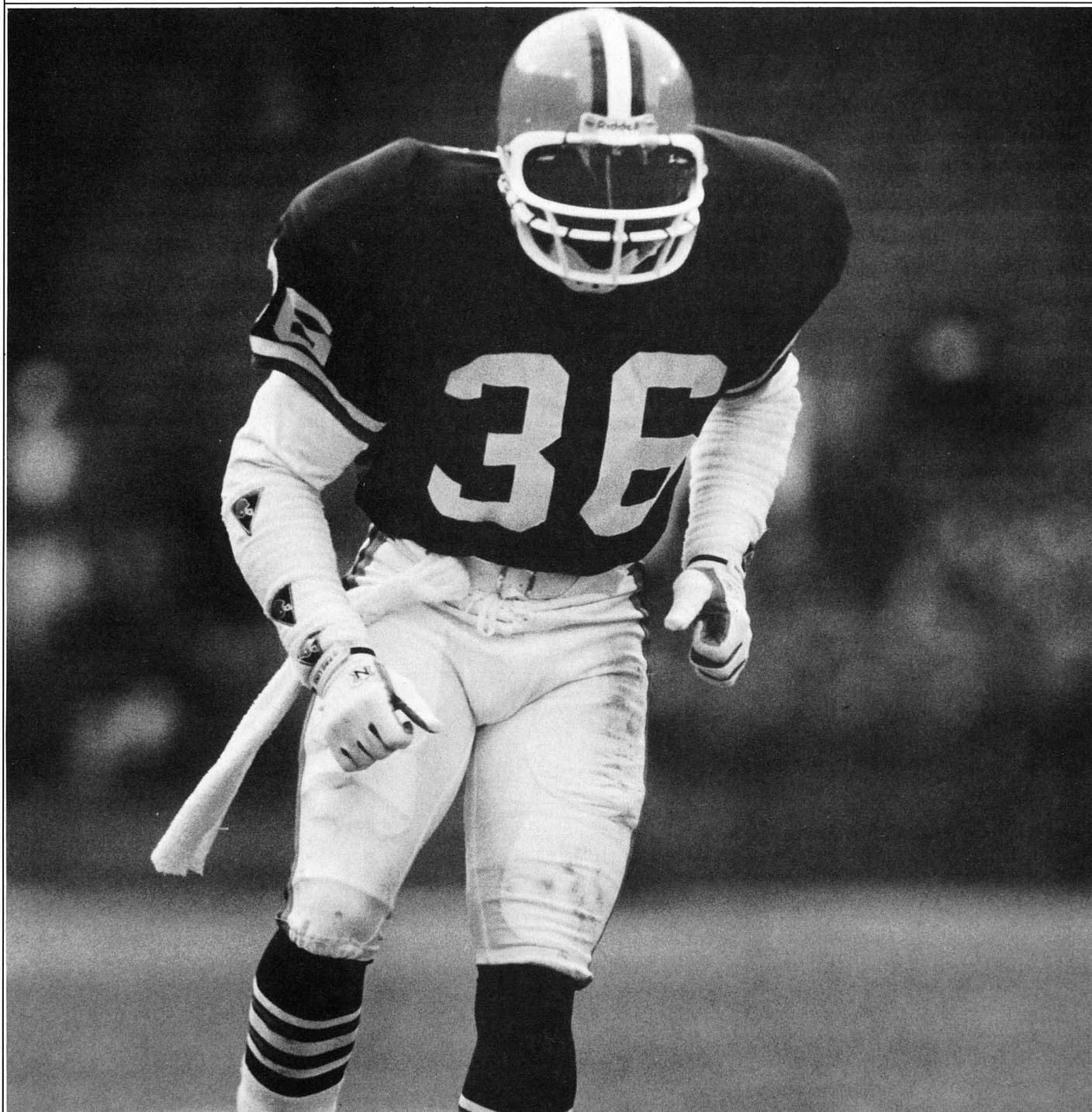
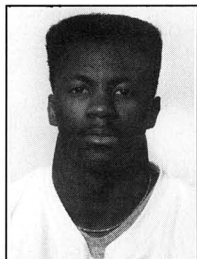


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Stephen Braggs 36— Cornerback/Safety



5'-9", 180 lbs., 5th Year
Texas
Smiley (Houston, Tex.) H.S.
Born: August 29, 1965
Houston, Tex.
Draft 6, 1987

PRO (1990): Hard-working defensive back who has good speed, but experience has been mainly on coverage units...Excellent special teams' player...Earned nickname of "Puppy" by fellow "Dogs"...Was 165th player selected in the 1987 draft. Finished season with 32 tackles, two and one-half sacks, eight passes defended, two fumbles caused, a fumble recovery, two interceptions for 13 yards and seven special teams' tackles...Finished on strong note in finale at Cinc. (12/30), filling in at RCB for injured Raymond Clayborn (concussion) in final three quarters and recording two tackles...Recorded second career theft at Pitt. (12/23), forced a fumble and made five tackles...Recorded a four-yard QB sack among his five tackles vs. Atl. (12/16), and defended two passes...Started in six DB alignment at Hou. (12/9), recorded five tackles and a pass defense.

Boxing Match or Street Fight?

By Frank Derry

It was Week Four of the 1989 preseason, and the Browns were in Phoenix to take on the Cardinals. A worried Tony Jones stood on the balcony of his hotel room, not knowing whether his NFL career would extend beyond the next roster cut.

A friend stopped by to offer some words of encouragement, but what Jones needed most was a good performance against the Cardinals that night. A poor outing might mean the end of his all-too-young career.

"I did not know where my career was going," said Jones as he recalled that sultry day in the Arizona desert.

Jones had joined the Browns as a free agent offensive lineman prior to the 1988 season. After being on injured reserve for the first seven weeks due to a toe injury, he finally was activated Oct. 22 and saw action on special teams in four regular-season games and one playoff encounter that season.

Obviously, then-head coach Marty Schottenheimer had seen enough potential in Jones to keep him around the entire season. But 1989 brought a new coaching staff to the Browns and Bud Carson had absolutely no way of knowing if Jones could play in the NFL.

"Nobody knew Tony Jones. Tony Jones was not in anyone's plans," said Jones.

Or so he thought.

His fine performance against the Cardinals that night helped convince Carson to keep him as a backup offensive lineman.

From that humble beginning, Jones' career has progressed to the point where now, just two years later, he starts at the most demanding position on the offensive line: left tackle.

It's been a meteoric rise for the man better known as 'T-Bone' to his teammates.

Not only were the odds stacked against him because he played at little-known West Carolina University, but he also had to overcome three position changes and seven coaching changes in the past seven years.

"Every year since I was a sophomore in college, I've had a different offensive line coach," he said.

When Jones joined the Browns in 1988, Howard Mudd was his position coach. Hal Hunter took over in 1989, followed by Dan Radakovich last season. This year, Hunter has again taken over the duties.

"I've had a lot of different techniques being taught to me," said the 25-year-old Jones. "Everybody does everything a lot different. You just have to keep your head up and keep looking forward."

But as if that were not tough enough, Jones also has found himself switching from right guard in 1989 to right tackle in 1990 to left tackle in 1991.

"That (switching positions) makes it a lot more difficult," said the 6-5, 290-pounder. "You learn to play one position and the techniques there and then suddenly you are told to learn another position and new techniques."

But Jones, who calls himself "a late bloomer," has steadily progressed to the point where he now has been given the awesome responsibility of protecting Bernie Kosar's blind side.

"Left tackle is really a tough position to play and at first I wasn't too sure I wanted to play there. But now that I've been there a little while, I hope to play there the rest of my career. I do not want to move around any more."

Not only does Jones get excellent guidance from Hunter, but former Browns left tackle Doug Dieken has been giving him some words of advice.

"I talk to Doug a lot," Jones said. "He tells me different things I can do, different techniques. Playing left tackle is a challenge. You have to go out there fired up because you play against the best player on defense. You really have to be ready to play."

Asked if Dieken taught him the art of holding, Jones smiled and said, "Everybody is confused about that. Offensive linemen don't hold!"

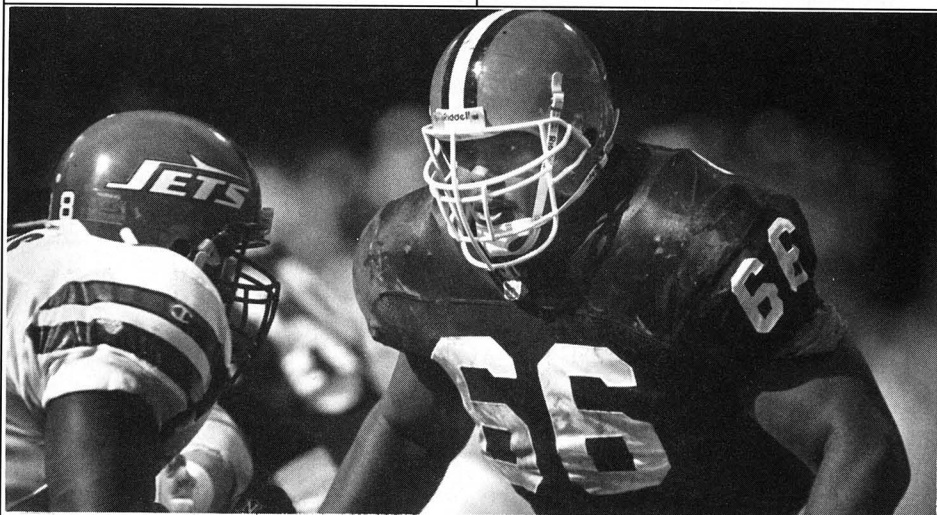
But on a more serious note, Jones admitted, "Holding is part of an offensive lineman's job. I'd rather get a holding call than have someone get a free shot at my quarterback."

Dieken says holding is only one of the ways to protect your quarterback. "There's also cutting, throwing body blocks or whatever you must do. The first four seconds of pass protection is a boxing match. If there's any doubt as to who is in control of the match, then it becomes a street fight," Dieken added.

Jones, who plans to marry fiancée Kamilla Orr next Feb. 14, might be a street fighter on the field. But off the field he is a man dedicated to the community.

"I like to be a role model for the kids," said Jones. "When it comes to charity work, anything I'm asked to do I'll say yes if at all possible. It's the fans in the community who pay my salary. I try to give something back whenever possible."

Hopefully, Tony Jones' on-the-field performance will be just as long and impressive as old No. 73s. ■



■ Tony Jones (66)

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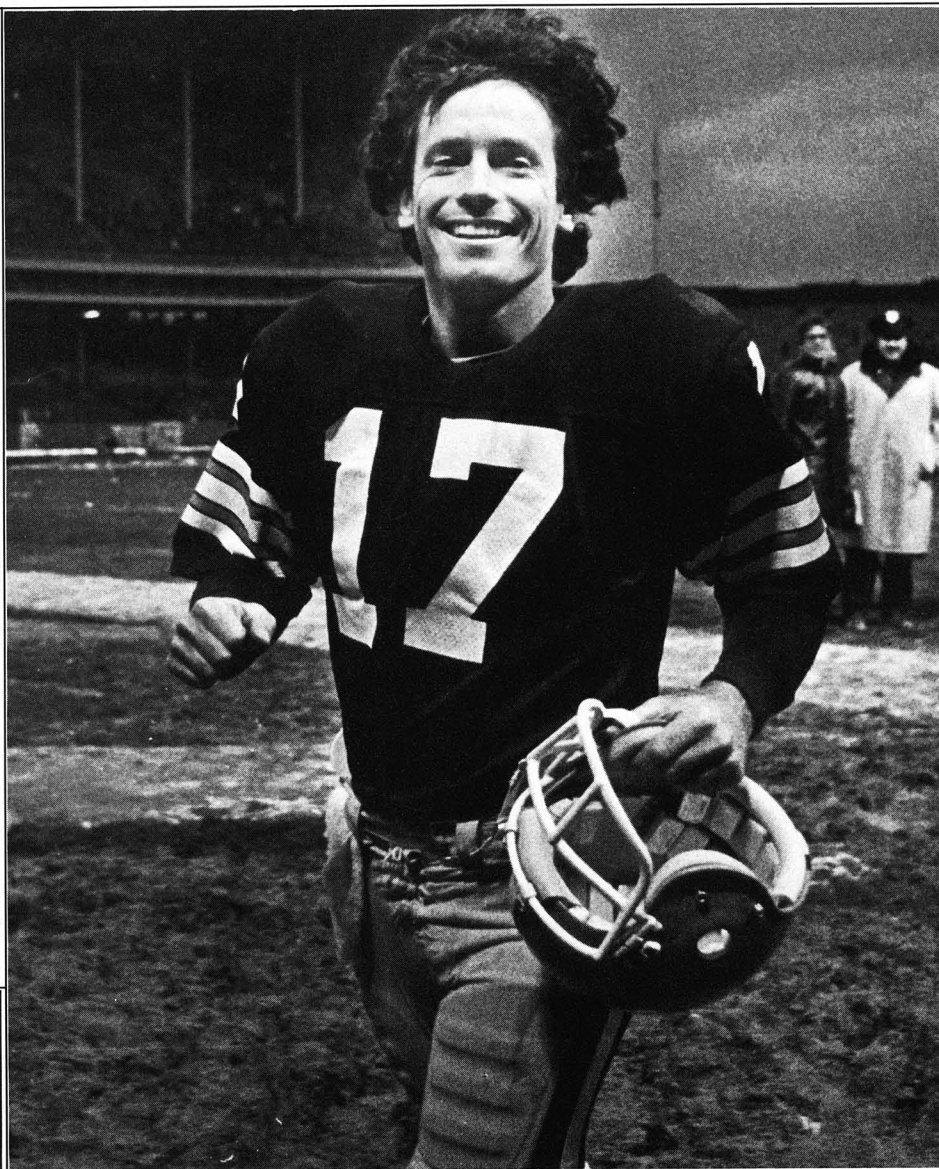
26-14 advantage as Bahr failed on the extra point try.

Sipe went back to work after the kickoff and passed his way to the Steelers' 38-yard line, followed by an outstanding catch into the hands of the "Wizard of Oz" on the Steeler six-yard line. Sipe and Newsome were both shaken up on the play and had to leave the game for a brief period of time. Subbing for Sipe, Paul McDonald fumbled the next snap and Pittsburgh recovered.

Although the Cleveland defense yielded one first down, they forced the Steelers to punt, as the Browns took over on their own 27 with 13:18 left to play. Sipe completed five passes as Mike Pruitt rumbled on a 17-yard run in a 73-yard drive that took 10 plays. When the smoke cleared, Greg Pruitt had grabbed his second touchdown pass, a seven-yard spiral from Sipe.

Don Cockroft continued to add the extra points and Cleveland now was on the short end of a 26-20 count with 9:21 remaining. Cockroft kicked off in the end zone and Pittsburgh tried to get rolling again from their own 20. They managed to get only seven of the 10 yards necessary for the first down and had to punt the ball away.

Starting from Cleveland's 40, Sipe began to march



■ Sipe led his (4-3) 1980 team to a 27-26 win over the Steelers on this blustery fall day.

his team 60 yards in six plays. He hit Logan for a 20-yard gain, followed by another completion to Rucker for 18 yards. With third down and seven yards to go, the ball resting on the Steeler 18, Sipe found the revived Newsome in the end zone. The Wizard had sprinted past his defender and made an over-the-shoulder catch to tie the game.

When Cockroft provided the margin of victory with his extra point conversion for a 27-26 lead with 5:38 to go, bedlam broke loose as the crowd sensed the taste of victory. The Steelers refused to give up, and it took a rigid Cleveland defense to halt three drives, one which reached their own 46 before Ron Bolton intercepted a Stoudt pass.

The Browns hung on for their first triumph over the Steelers in seven games. After the contest, Steeler

coach Chuck Noll praised the job turned in by Sipe by stating: "He speaks very eloquently for himself by the way he performs on the field."

It was a fitting tribute to Sipe, who was nothing less than sensational in a performance that saw him throw for all four Browns' touchdowns, completing 28 of 46 pass attempts for 349 yards. Logan and Greg Pruitt each had eight receptions, Logan accounting for 131 yards and Pruitt 71 yards and two touchdowns. Mike Pruitt led the rushing attack with 92 yards on 17 carries for a 4.8 average.

The come-from-behind victory served to enhance the "Kardiac Kids" image the Browns were creating with their heroics. It was, indeed, duly recorded in Browns' annals as a moment to remember for a long, long time. ■



■ The "Wizard" earned his stripes with a stunning reception on the Steeler six yard line.



Photo by Gregory Drezdson

■ Each home game, at the invitation of Head Coach Bill Belichick, former Browns' wide receiver Reggie Rucker will host two former Browns' players as Bill's guests. At the Oct. 6 contest vs. the New York Jets, Rucker (far left), former WR-Paul Warfield (center) and RB-Greg Pruitt visited Cleveland Stadium.



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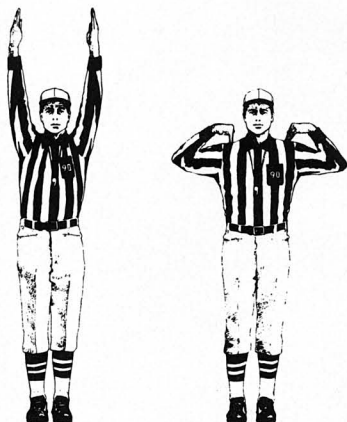
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Rules Changes



The major change in National Football League rules for 1991 are the "grasp-and-control" rule. Until this season, when an opposing player had the quarterback in his grasp, or control, the play was whistled dead. In 1991, the rule has been clarified to read that grasp and control of the quarterback is to be called only when his personal safety is in jeopardy.

The new rule will allow scrambling quarterbacks to break free in "control" situations, as long as another defender isn't closing in on him, with him in a vulnerable position.

Another rule involving quarterback safety specifies that officials are to whistle a play dead whenever a defender clearly penetrates beyond the neutral zone before the ball is snapped and continues unabated toward the quarterback.

Other major rules changes for 1991 NFL games include:

- If an offensive player simulates the start of a play, whether the defense reacts or makes contact, a foul for false start is to be called immediately.

- A safety no longer will be scored when a player fumbles the ball out of bounds in his own end zone, provided the opponent created the impetus to put the ball into the end zone. The ruling will be a touchback. A touchback also will be called when a player fumbles the ball in the field of play and the ball goes out of bounds in the opponent's end zone.

- It now is illegal for an offensive player to deliberately bat a backward pass in flight toward the opponent's goal line.

- The game clock will not be started until the snap is made following any change in possession, even if a player went out of bounds.

- Punts, field goals, or drop kicks can be attempted only from behind the line of scrimmage rather than behind or beyond the line as provided by the previous rules. The new rule also eliminates the provision for a return kick. ■

Browns' Wives Association Kicks Off Operation Can-Do

On Sunday, Nov. 10, the Philadelphia Eagles travel to the Lakefront for Week 11 of the regular season. Prior to the contest, a very important event will take place outside the Stadium.

The Browns' Wives Association members will be at each gate to greet the fans and request a donation to their annual canned food drive. Players' wives will wear their husbands' jerseys and the coaches' wives will assist in the collection.

The drive, which will be kicked off at the Eagles' contest, is actually a six-week community-wide drive, ending Dec. 16. All canned or non-perishable items will be distributed by the Cleveland Food Basket to Hunger Relief Centers throughout the City of Cleveland.

"Can-Do" collected nearly 75 tons of food and approximately \$8,000 in 1990, which was used to buy additional food for distribution during the holiday season.

Sponsoring the event this year are the Wives Association, The Cleveland Food Basket, Stop 'n' Shop Supermarkets, Elias Brothers Big Boy Restaurants, Shamrock Movers, Fox-Nineteen WOIO-TV and WMMS (100.7) FM.



■ **Karen Fike (wife of RT-Dan Fike) holds daughter Brittany at last year's drive outside the Stadium. Next to Karen is Lolis Baab (wife of C-Mike Baab).**

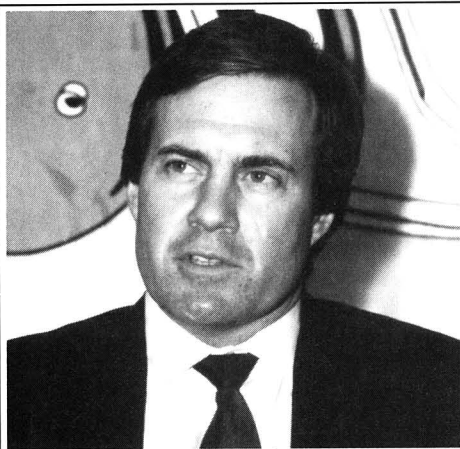
Fans will be able to meet and get autographs of some of their favorite Browns and their wives at their local Stop 'n' Shop and Elias Brothers locations, and at the same time, drop off their donations. Look for the appearance schedule in the next issue of Gameday. ■



■ **Ava Mack (wife of FB-Kevin Mack) made an appeal to fans on the Browns' Insider show last year to bring canned or non-perishable items to the Stadium and meet the players' wives. Jim Mueller (right) hosts the show.**

WELCOME TO CLEVELAND STADIUM... Fans attending today's game will receive orange pompoms, sponsored by WOIO-TV when they arrive, and Kodak will distribute Bernie Kosar posters at the end of the fourth quarter.

THE SERIES... The Browns hold a 49-33 lead in the series with Pittsburgh. The two split in 1990, the Browns winning the season opener, 13-3, in Cleveland as the Steelers took a 35-0 decision in Pittsburgh in the last meeting between the two teams on December 23. The Browns won the first eight games in the series (1950-53), eight of nine (1954-58), 11 of 12 (1964-70) and seven straight (1986-89). There have been three overtime contests, the Steelers winning 15-9 in 1978 and 33-30 in 1979 (both games in Pittsburgh) before the Browns won, 37-31, at Cleveland in 1986. Total points in the series: Browns 1,858 (22.7 avg.); Steelers 1,580 (19.3 avg.). The two teams meet again in the final game of the regular 1991 season on December 22 at Three Rivers Stadium.



■ **Bill Belichick**

BILL SAYS... "I've been asked a number of times about how much progress we've made this season as compared to last and whether we're ahead or behind any type of schedule we might have. First of all, I wasn't here last year, so I can't offer any comparisons. From the beginning of this season, we are making overall progress. For example, the offensive line has gotten better as they've played more together; and the offense, in general, is taking forward steps as we play each game. We're playing a number of young players on defense and they've hung in there against some tough, physical offenses. But, there's not a way to judge progress or whether we're ahead or behind schedule. We'll know at the end of the season when we see how many games we've won. That's the measure that counts."

ON PITTSBURGH... "I can already sense the intensity of this rivalry and I'm looking forward to seeing and feeling what the Stadium is like on Sunday."

What I do know about Pittsburgh is Chuck Noll. He is a master of his craft and, with four Super Bowl rings, he is unmatched in NFL history. His teams are always well coached and they play with tremendous intensity. As far as their players, we know we have to find a way to slow down their running game, which is always strong. Hoge and Foster are two guys who block well for each other and pound away at you. Eric Green is a unique talent and he's easy to find, but very hard to stop. On offense, we have to be ready for a very quick, swarming, aggressive and well-coordinated Steeler defense."

ON SAN DIEGO... "I knew we would have difficulty stopping Dan Henning's offense and we did. We had some success slowing down their running game, but give the young quarterback (John) Friesz credit. He made a lot of big plays throughout the game, especially on third down. He took them down the field at the end of the fourth quarter and put them in a position to try the field goal to win. We got it to the overtime and David Brandon made the play to win."

RED RIBBON WEEK... The red ribbons tied around the goal posts in both endzones signify "Red Ribbon Week," which is a promotion designed to raise our awareness of the importance of a Drug Free America. This national campaign comes to Cleveland October 19-27 and marks the third year that the Substance Abuse Initiative of Greater Cleveland is sponsoring the program. Hundreds of red ribbons with the imprint "Drug Free and Proud" have been distributed in the area. Learn more about the event by calling 781-2944, ext. 282, for details.

RADIO WAVES... The game can be heard on WHK-AM (1420) and WMMS-FM (100.7), flagship stations for the largest radio network (50 stations) in Browns' history. Pre-game festivities, hosted by Jim Mueller (in his 17th year on the Browns' radio team), and Dan Coughlin, begin at 12 noon on WHK. WMMS comes on with its "Tailgate Party" live from Champions at 2:00 p.m. **THE BILL BELICHICK SHOW**, hosted by Nev Chandler, a seven-year veteran of Browns'

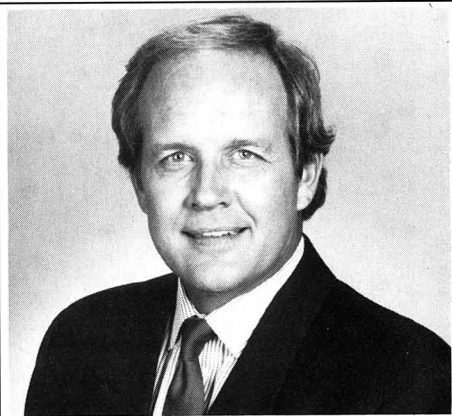
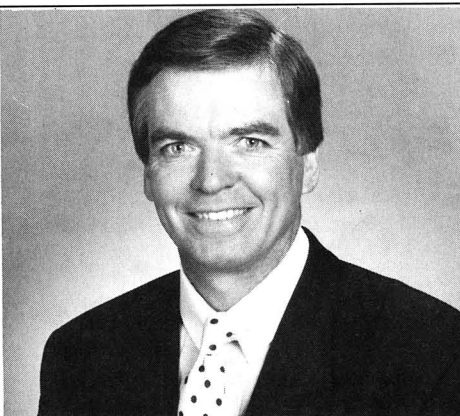


■ **Kevin Mack**

broadcasting, will follow. Chandler handles the play-by-play, while Doug Dieken, also in his seventh year on Browns' radio, does the color commentary. Mueller hosts a pre-game and halftime show and joins Dieken as co-host of the post-game show from the lockerroom. The "Fifth Quarter," a 2 1/2 hour post-game show from Champions, features former Brown Al "Bubba" Baker, Casey Coleman and Dan Coughlin as co-hosts. WMMS will carry a post-game "Tailgate Party" from Champions.

BROWNS' INSIDER... can be seen every Wednesday evening (7:30 p.m.) and again Sunday mornings (10:30 a.m.) on WOIO-TV (FOX-19). Hosted by Jim Mueller, **BROWNS' INSIDER** is an Emmy award winning program in its third year. Mueller also hosts **THE BILL BELICHICK SHOW** that's shown Saturday evenings (7:00 p.m.) and again Sunday mornings (10 a.m.) on WOIO-TV (FOX-19).

MACK ATTACKED... FB-Kevin Mack was nominated three weeks in a row as the Miller Lite Player of the Game. Mack was selected by a local media panel for the honors for his play against the Washington Redskins (10/13), New York Jets (10/6) and the New York Giants (9/22). See page 59 for details. ■



■ **Sunday's game with the Steelers will be televised by NBC-TV (Channel 3 locally). Don Criqui (left) will handle the play-by-play with Bob Trumpy offering the color analysis. (Producer: Victor Frank; Director: Dick Cline).**